

# Refuse: Waste/Trash

All regular garbage and trash must be tightly wrapped, or bagged, and **placed in containers** with tight fitting lids. The containers must be kept covered at all times and must also be:



- Maximum of 50 lbs. in weight.
- Situated on an all-weather surface such as concrete, asphalt, gravel, cinders, etc.
- Placed on the street side (single family homes) or service side (GHI homes) by 7 a.m. on your collection day. On Code Orange/Red days, materials should be set out by 6:30 a.m.
- Serviceable by an all-weather access route, minimum of 36 inches in width, and must be kept clear of snow, ice and debris. During significant snow/ice storms, and the days immediately following, containers must be placed at the curb (single family homes) or adjacent to a cleared parking lot (GHI homes).
- Easily visible to collectors.

## Household Hazardous Waste:

Prince George's County has established a permanent collection site for Household Hazardous Waste disposal at the Brown Station Road Landfill, 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro 20774. Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics are accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. For further information on this site, call 301-883-5045.

Examples of hazardous waste include: household cleaners, gasoline, kerosene, pesticides, fertilizers, oil-based paints, and most varnishes.

## Appliances & Metals:

Both Detached and GHI Homes: Call 301-474-8004 before 12 p.m. on Thursday to schedule a collection. Appliances and metal items (fencing, bicycles, etc.) are collected every Friday except during holiday weeks.

## Holiday Tree Collection:

Holiday trees are collected in January.

- Remove metal base stands, nails, and all decorations (including tinsel).
- Take trees to a posted collection site listed on [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 21, or in the Greenbelt News Review.



Refuse is collected once a week in Greenbelt. Twice a week collection is available at an additional cost. For information, call 301-474-8004.



# Recycling

Recyclables are collected in a single stream method; metals, plastics, glass, and paper can be collected in the same bin.

Recycling must be placed at the curb (single family homes) and service side - visible from the walkway - (GHI homes) by 7 a.m. on your collection day. On Code Orange/Red days, materials should be set out by 6:30 a.m.



## Drop-off Locations

### Buddy Attick Park, Lower Parking Lot

Accepted Items: Newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, cardboard, bottles and cans, car batteries, antifreeze, used motor oil and filters.

### Hanover Parkway

Accepted Items: Newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, cardboard, bottles and cans.

**DO NOT LEAVE TRASH AT THESE SITES!**



## Electronics Recycling

The City accepts electronics for recycling four times each year. Watch for ads in the News Review, Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 21, or [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) announcing the dates.

Prince George's County accepts electronics for recycling every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Brown Station Road Landfill in Upper Marlboro. The site is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For further information on this site, call 301-883-5045.

**NEW!** The City now accepts household compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) at electronics recycling events! Limit: 10 per person.



## Donation Drop-off

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. The American Rescue Workers accept donation of usable household goods such as clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys. The truck is located in the parking lot between the City Offices and the Community Center.

Donations are also accepted by other organizations. Some organizations will pick up at your home; others will ask that you bring items to them. Call 301-474-8308 or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for a list of organizations.

## WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?



### PLASTIC

#### ACCEPTED: NARROW NECK CONTAINERS

(1-7), such as milk jugs, ketchup bottles, salad dressing bottles, detergent bottles, and shampoo bottles. **CAPS AND LIDS**, either put back on bottle or place in bin, **WIDE MOUTH CONTAINERS** (1-7), such as peanut butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, and margarine tubs, **PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES, BAGGED GROCERY BAGS**, including shrink wrap and stretch film (insert all bags within one bag; no loose single bags.), **RIGID PLASTICS** such as milk crates, buckets, flower pots, toys, lawn furniture etc. If these materials do not fit in your bin, place next to bin, clearly labeled "FOR RECYCLING".

NOT ACCEPTED: **LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS, MOTOR OIL BOTTLES, PLASTIC FOOD LINERS, STYROFOAM, PLASTIC UTENSILS, or CLAM SHELL CONTAINERS** such as salad bar & carry-out food containers.

### METAL/ALUMINUM

ACCEPTED: **CANS:** such as beverage, soup, tuna, vegetable, fruit, and pet food cans, **POTS AND PANS, ALUMINUM FOIL AND PIE PLATES** (only slightly soiled), **EMPTY AEROSOL CANS**

NOT ACCEPTED: **AUTO PARTS AND OTHER METALS**

### GLASS

ACCEPTED: **BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, FOOD CONTAINERS** such as baby food jars, mayonnaise jars, and relish jars, caps and lids **DRINKING GLASSES**

NOT ACCEPTED: **BROKEN GLASS, MIRROR or WINDOW GLASS, COOKWARE, LIGHTBULBS, POTTERY AND CERAMICS, DISHES.**

### PAPER

ACCEPTED: **ALL PAPER** such as newspapers, inserts, magazines, and office paper, **CEREAL AND FOOD PRODUCT BOXES, ASEPTIC/GABLE TOP MILK AND JUICE BOXES, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES, COATED BOXES** such as frozen food boxes, **BOOKS** (hard and soft cover books, phone books, catalogs), **KRAFT PAPER** (brown bags and non-metallic wrapping paper)

NOT ACCEPTED: **PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS, or TISSUES**

Need an extra recycling bin? Request another, **free of charge**, by calling (301)474-8308.

Ever wonder what becomes of your recyclables? **PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECYCLED PAPER:** Newsprint, paperboard, tissues, paper towels and napkins, containerboard and printing/writing paper. **PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECYCLED PLASTIC:** Drainage pipes, toys, carpet, fiberfill for pillows and sleeping bags, and cassette casings. **PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECYCLED GLASS:** New glass containers, fiberglass and "glasphalt" for highway construction **MOST RECYCLED ALUMINUM IS USED TO MANUFACTURE NEW CANS.**





## Yard Waste Collection:

Yard waste in paper bags and bins is collected every Friday, except during holiday weeks. Bins must be marked or labeled as YARD WASTE. Free labels are available at the Public Works Office. (Yard waste in plastic bags is no longer collected!)

**GHI Homes:** Call 301-474-8004 by 12p.m. on Thursday to schedule a Friday collection. Place yard waste in your yard on the service side by 7a.m. Friday for collection. (Since you do not receive leaf vacuum collection, you can pick up 10 free bags each fall at the GHI Maintenance Facility.)

**Detached Homes:** Place yard waste at the curb by 7a.m. on Friday. You do not need to call for a pickup.

- Branches and bamboo less than 2 inches in diameter must be tied with biodegradable twine in bundles less than four foot in length and two feet in diameter.
- Branches 2 to 6 inches in diameter can be chipped. Stack branches at the curb with ends facing in same direction. Call 301-474-8004 to schedule a chipper collection.
- Weeds and other invasive vines (such as English Ivy and bamboo roots) cannot be composted and should be placed with regular trash.
- Yard debris mixed with dirt, stones or trash will not be collected.
- Yard waste bags, bins, tied bundles and branch sections must weigh less than 50 pounds.



## Leaf Vacuum Service:

**November 1 through January 15 (Detached Homes Only)**

- Rake leaves to the curb – keeping piles away from cars and storm drains.
- Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris. This can damage the equipment and cause injury.
- Collection schedule will be advertised on [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 21, and in the Greenbelt News Review.
- Collection signs will also be placed in neighborhoods.
- DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO STORM DRAINS.
- After January 15<sup>th</sup>, loose leaves will no longer be collected by the leaf vacuum. All leaves must be placed in paper bags or bins for collection.

**FREE MULCH:** Mulch from composted leaves, trees, branches and other yard waste is available at Northway Field free of charge to residents.



## Special Trash

**GHI Homes:** Special trash items must be placed in your yard on the service side. Items will be collected with your regular trash. Call 301-474-8004 by 12p.m. the day before your collection day to request a pickup. **Detached Homes:** Special trash items must be placed at the curb. Items will be collected with your regular trash. You do not need to call for a pickup.

Special trash includes furniture, bedding, moving debris and other miscellaneous items.

- Small items must be bagged, boxed or bundled.
- Items must weigh less than 50 lbs.
- Larger items must be broken down and bundled in less than 4 foot lengths. (Furniture that is put out for collection can be kept intact.)
- Latex paint can be collected as special trash. However, the paint must be completely dried. Oil based paints are hazardous waste and cannot be collected as special trash.

Please consider donating usable household items such as furniture, small appliances and clothing to be reused by others. Call 301-474-8308 – or check the city website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for a list of organizations. Some organizations will pick up at your home; others will ask that you bring items in. Also see: Donation Drop-Off.

The following items **can** be collected for a separate fee:

- Dirt and rocks
- Railroad ties
- Wood fencing
- Cinderblock and bricks
- Concrete, plaster, or drywall
- Construction/remodeling debris
- Logs, stumps, or branches larger than 12 inches in diameter or longer than four feet in length.

The following items **cannot** be collected:

- Automotive parts, such as engines, transmissions, doors, fenders, hoods, etc.
- Hazardous waste
- Contractor's debris
- (If you have a contractor working in your home or yard, they are responsible for hauling away all debris associated with their work.)

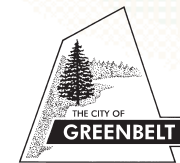


Call (301)474-8004 to make arrangements for unusually large quantities of special trash.

# Refuse *and* Recycling



Your Guide for the CITY OF GREENBELT



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